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Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Michigan Historical Center Lansing, Michigan January 10, 2011

Call to Order

President Larry Griffin called the of the Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. (Friends) to order at 10:01 A.M.

Board Members Present: Adriana Greci Green, Larry Griffin, Keith Harrison, Richard Johnson, Ralph Sims, Bus Spaniola, Louise Stilwill, Paul Tarr, Morris Thomas, Tom Truscott, and Geneva Wiskemann.

Board Members Absent: Andy Andersen, John Irwin, Rose Moye, Richard Johnson, and Charles Seeley.

Board Members Excused: Andy Andersen, John Irwin, Rose Moye, Richard Johnson, and Charles Seeley.

Michigan Historical Museum (Museum) None Present.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to shorten the agenda; motion passed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 2010 meeting minutes as transmitted; motion passed.

President's Report

No report.

Treasurer Report

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Reports, as previously transmitted electronically, for the periods November 1 - November 30, 2010 and December 1 - December 31, 2010; motion passed.

Presentation of Bills

A motion was made and seconded to approve a bill for \$75 for membership with the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition for 2011; motion passed.

Museum Report

No report.

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Committee Reports

A. *2011 Veterans Day Program Committee. (Paul Tarr and Larry Griffin – Co chairs):* It was mentioned that Col. Victor Kuchar, U.S. Air Force, retired is anticipated to be the speaker.

B. *Membership Committee (Keith Harrison – Chair).* No report.

C. *Board Nominating Committee (Charles Seeley and Tom Truscott).* No report.

D. *Magazine/Military Committee (Paul Tarr – Chair).* No report.

E. *Grants Committee (Rose Moye and Adriana Greci Green - Co-Chair).* No report. .

F. *Newsletter Committee (Paul Tarr and Bill Wellman, Co-chairs).* No report.

G. *Fund Raising Committee (Bus Spaniola - Chair).*

Paul Tarr suggested that the Board sponsor a Duop Concert along with an old car (1950's, 1960s) rally in the parking lot of the state Library/Museum complex sometime in August 2011. He indicated that he was aware of a group that would be willing to do the fundraiser for the Friends. The costs anticipated for the group to attend would be around \$600. He indicated that they needed a proposed date or dates that they could agree to for the performance. A special committee was appointed (Paul Tarr, Bus Spaniola, and Larry Griffin) to work out the details including getting permission from the state for this to occur. The Special Committee will be meeting before the next Board meeting to come up with a date. The committee was authorized to proceed with the selection of a date and to proceed with the planning for the concert/car rally provided they get permission from the state. The concert portion of the program would be preferred to take place on the veranda of the library/museum complex.

H. *Bylaws (Paul Tarr – Chair).*

A motion was made and seconded to approve for publication on the website and newsletter the proposed bylaw amendments; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to add a sentence to the Board approved Bylaws to Section 3.5 that reads: The President shall appoint the corporation's Resident Agent; motion passed (Attached).

I. *Sesquicentennial/Civil War (Tom Truscott - Chair).*

Tom Truscott reported on the proposed Friends program to commemorate the Civil War Sesquicentennial. The concept is to have a series of concerts, one per year tied to the Civil War events 150 years earlier. The first concert tentatively is planned for Friday, June 3 on the Capitol lawn. It tentatively would involve the Lansing Symphony, the Earl Nelson Singers, and possibly 3-Men and a Tenor. If the Lansing Symphony is used for the concert, the level of funding that would needed to be raised would about \$28,000 to put on the first concert. In terms of fund raising, we would have access to our membership, corporate sponsors, and an expert in fund raising. Tentatively, the remaining concerts would take place as follows: the 2012 concert would probably be at the Lansing Center and would also involve a dinner; the 2013 concert would probably take place on July 4th and would take place at Cooley Stadium, the 2014 concert would take place at Wharton Center; and the location for the 2015 concert has not yet been suggested.

During the discussion, it was brought out that should the Lansing Symphony not work out for the first concert, we might be able to use local high school bands, the Michigan National Guard Band, the Michigan State University Band, or the Lansing City Band.

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A meeting of the Board Sesquicentennial Committee was set for January 20, 2010, 10 AM, at the Michigan Historical Center.

A motion made and a seconded to proceed with the proposed June 3, 2010 Civil War Concert; motion passed.

In addition to the concert, discussion took place about also designing a Civil War Sesquicentennial coin that could be made available for sale. The possibility of using copper might be a way to tie in Michigan's history with the commemorative coin.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Keith G. Harrison

Keith G. Harrison, *Secretary Pro Temp*
Resident Agent
Board of Directors
Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, February 14, 2010, in Lansing.